

NOTICE OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT LAW

The Onekanew mena Onushekewuk of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation have approved the **OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION PROPERTY ASSESSMENT LAW, 2018**, and are providing thirty days public notice and opportunity for anyone to comment upon the law, before final enactment and referral to the First Nations Tax Commission.

EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITS OF THE LAW: The *Opaskwayak Cree Nation Property Assessment Law, 2018*, deals with assessing property values on properties and interests in land on OCN Reserve lands, whether they are taxable or not.

WHAT THE LAW INCLUDES AND COVERS: The *Opaskwayak Cree Nation Property Assessment Law, 2018*, provides for:

- * The repeal of the current OCN Land Tax By-Law, 1996 (section 57)
- * Establishment of Property Classes (Section 7)
- * Appointment of a Land Tax Administrator and an Assessor (Section 3)
- * Property inspections by the Assessor (Section 9)
- * The Making of Assessments on Interests in Land (Section 5 and 6)
- * Preparation and Amendment of an Assessment Roll (Sections 10 to 13, 18 and 19)
- * Assessment Notices and Amendments of Assessment Notices (Section 17)
- * Requests for Information from Property Holders (Section 8)
- * Confidentiality of Property Holders information (Section 15, 52 and 53)
- * Rights of Property Holders to review Assessment Roll (Section 14)
- * Requests by Property Holders for Reconsideration of Assessments (Section 20)
- * Appeals and Procedure for Appeals by Property Holders of their Assessments (Sections 28 to 50)
- * Appeals by Property Holders to Courts (Section 51)
- * Deadline of 21 days after Assessment to request reconsideration (Section 20)
- * Deadline of 45 days after Assessment to Appeal (Section 29)
- * Creation of and Rules for an Assessment Appeal Board (Section 21 through 27)

ASSESSMENTS: The *Opaskwayak Cree Nation Property Assessment Law, 2018*, does not cover Property Taxation. Property Taxation is dealt with under the *Opaskwayak Cree Nation Property Taxation Law, 2018*.

WHERE TO OBTAIN THE LAW: Eligible persons may obtain a copy of the *Opaskwayak Cree Nation Property Assessment Law, 2018*, by:

- * Contacting OCN Land Tax Administrator at 204-627-7086;
- * Going to the OCN Web site;
- * Obtaining a copy from the Land Tax Department Office, at the 2nd Floor, Post Office Building, 151 Fischer, The Pas.

WHO CAN COMMENT: PERSONS, INCLUDING OCN MEMBERS, NON-OCN PERSONS OR BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE INTERESTS IN OR ARE RESIDENT ON OCN LANDS, MAY MAKE COMMENTS, SUBMISSIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, OBJECTIONS OR REQUESTS IN RESPECT OF THIS LAW.

COMMENTS IN WRITING: ALL COMMENTS, SUBMISSIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, OBJECTIONS OR REQUESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, AND MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE OFFICES OF ONEKANEW MENA ONUSCHEKEWUK (CHIEF AND COUNCIL) ON THE 2ND FLOOR, OTINEKA MALL, P.O. BOX 10880, OPASKWAYAK, MANITOBA, R0B 0J0.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: ALL COMMENTS, SUBMISSIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, OBJECTIONS OR REQUESTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS, FROM NOVEMBER 3 THROUGH TO DECEMBER 3, 2018, BY 4:30.